

# PRO-GERMANS CONSPIRE TO WEAKEN BOND ISSUE PLANS

Representatives of Insurance Companies Are Told of Desperate Efforts Made To Influence Investors In Liberty Loan

**PROPAGANDA HAS BEEN TRIED FOR FORTNIGHT**  
Assertion Is Made That National Army Is Not Loyal In Desire To Show That Securities Are Not Gilt Edge Type

WASHINGTON, October 18—(Associated Press)—Pro-German hostility to the government has been evidenced during the past two weeks in a nationwide effort to defeat the Liberty Bond issue. Public announcement of the knowledge of the government of this campaign was made yesterday at a meeting of representatives of the national life insurance companies with representatives of the administration.

The spokesman for the government in this instance was Col. Herbert M. Lord, of the quartermaster general's department, who stated that active work to secure a failure of the government bond issue has been going on for the past two weeks. Pro-German agents, he stated, have acted in concert all over the United States, working on what is beyond doubt a predetermined plan.

**LOYALTY ATTACKED**  
The greatest activity has been shown in the dissemination of reports concerning the loyalty of the men of the National Army. According to these tales, the drafted men now entering the third week of their intensive training are showing a mutinous spirit under discipline and are not taking their training seriously. A spirit of dissatisfaction with conditions and a disloyalty to the administration is manifesting itself, report these pro-German workers.

The object of such a campaign of falsehood, said Colonel Lord, is to create the impression among possible investors that the loan is without good security, in that the government will not be able to depend upon the citizens drawn for the army. Possible buyers have been worked upon to discourage their faith in the government and to shake their faith in the final victory of the United States.

**INTIMIDATION TRIED**  
Another method of securing the hoped-for failure of the bond issue has been to bring financial pressure upon certain of the banks of various sections, intimating to the bankers that the handling of the Liberty Bonds will result in the withdrawal of accounts and the transfer of business to rival institutions.

The anti-American plotters have inspired editorials in some of the newspapers in which objections to some of the features of the Liberty Bond issue are raised and doubts cast upon the soundness of the investment from an interest and collateral standpoint. **Press Is Tried**  
News articles, purporting to come from various financial centers, setting forth objections by the financiers of the country to features of the bonds and casting doubts upon the future value of the securities, have been offered to various publications throughout the country, and in some instances have been published.

The fact that yesterday's reports show a total for the day of half a billion dollars subscribed, which carries the total so far over the half way mark, was pointed out by the speaker as an indication of the total failure of this latest evidence of pro-Germanism in certain circles.

# INDUSTRY'S NEED AS WELL AS WAR CONSIDERED

Value of Registrants At Home As Well As For War To Be Given More Weight In Next Selections Under Draft Law

WASHINGTON, October 18—(Associated Press)—Industrial value as well as value in the prosecution of the war are to be given due consideration in the next draft under present proposals of the provost general upon which Crowder is now working. It is recognized that there are men who may well serve the nation better in some industrial pursuit and that this point might have received more attention in the first selections that were made.

Work on a system of classification for the next selective draft is now in progress. It is proposed that in preparation for such draft each district board shall prepare in advance tables containing the names of the registrants placing each in order in accordance with the dependants who are directly or less directly looking to each for support, the value of the registrant to the country in the industrial pursuit in which he is now employed, where employed in some useful and essentially necessary industry, and his probable value to the nation in war prosecution.

It is believed by Crowder that this system of tabulation will serve to simplify the labor of the various district boards and work to the interest of better satisfaction to all concerned.

**TIGHTER BLOCKADE PLANS ANNOUNCED**  
All Possible Channels For Obtaining Supplies Are To Be Closed Against Huns

WASHINGTON, October 18—(Associated Press)—Announcement was made last night that the final steps towards tightening up the blockade against the Central Powers have been decided upon and that nothing is to be allowed to interfere with the determination of the Allies to shut off every possible avenue through which supplies might reach Germany.

The neutral nations have been formally notified of the determination of the Allies and the United States and have now official information of the embargo which has been determined upon against them unless they in turn place an embargo upon all exports to Germany not sanctioned by the representatives of the Entente in the various neutral countries.

There is to be no loophole permitted through the blockade if any means to prevent it can be carried out.

**GERMAN SUCCESSES STILL DWINDLING**  
Losses To British Merchant Marine Are Smaller Than In Previous Week

LONDON, October 18—(Associated Press)—Admiralty reports of submarine losses for the week ending October 13 show a further dwindling of German success, the totals being among the smallest yet recorded since the submarine campaign of ruthlessness opened in March.

Twelve vessels of 1600 tons and over were sunk, the report states, and six vessels of smaller tonnage, with one fishing boat.

The record of the week before was fourteen over 1600 tons and two under that tonnage.

# Liberty Loan Subscriptions Reach Half Way Mark

WASHINGTON, October 18—(Associated Press)—Subscriptions to the second Liberty Loan were announced at the treasury department last night to have reached half of the minimum amount, to have passed a billion and a half dollars in the totals as received and tabulated.

With the large increases in applications for bonds that came in yesterday from the reserve banks and from state banks and trust companies as well, treasury department officials were evidently highly pleased and gave the most optimistic expressions which they have yet voiced, at the same time taking care to emphasize the continued need of stirring on and putting in redoubled efforts during the remaining days of the campaign.

"It now appears certain," said the announcement, "that subscriptions will reach the minimum amount that was fixed. It is also possible that the responses will bring the final total of subscriptions up to our maximum figures. To achieve this, however, the efforts that have been exerted since the campaign opened must not be allowed to flag but must, rather, be increased."

Progress is admittedly more satisfactory than were the early results of the campaign for the first Liberty Loan.

**CHILI AND PERU TO BE FRIENDS AGAIN**  
Long Severed Diplomatic Relations To Be Resumed

LIMA, October 18—(Associated Press)—Arrangements for the reestablishment of a legation here by Chili and by Peru at Santiago, the Chilean capital, were reported last night to have been practically completed and there is evidence that the long severed diplomatic relations between the two nations are about to be satisfactorily resumed.

Following long continued and bitter disputes relative to the provinces of Tacna and Arica, the two nations broke off relations in 1910, and never since then have such relations been formally renewed and legations opened.

It is the present world war by which South American countries are being drawn closer together, by the constant attacks upon their similar and nearly related affairs that is bringing about the long desired renewal of friendly relations.

**DESPITE WARNING MEN ARE STRIKING**  
Coal Miners In Missouri Fail To Heed Government

SPRINGFIELD, Missouri, October 18—(Associated Press)—Despite the warning issued on Tuesday by Fuel Controller Garfield, which informed the operators and miners of Missouri that there must be an cessation in coal mining activities, the men in one third of the mines walked out yesterday, resulting in the shutting down of the properties.

The trouble between the operators and the miners appears to be growing and there are indications that other mines will be affected today.

**"LANDSTURM" CALLED OUT BY AUSTRIANS**  
WASHINGTON, October 18—(Associated Press)—Despatches from Bern to the state department announce the calling out by Austria of the members of the landsturm for active duty as first line troops. The landsturm men are reservists who have passed through the "common army" and the landwehr services and are under forty-three years of age.

# KAISER AND SULTAN EXCHANGE 'HONORS'

Two Rulers Confer High Orders Upon Each Other and Jeweled Decorations

AMSTERDAM, October 18—(Associated Press)—Honors, the highest in the power of the sultan to bestow, and an order among the highest in the gift of the kaiser, were mutually given and received by the two rulers yesterday, despatches from Constantinople announce.

At their meeting today the sultan conferred upon Wilhelm the order of Medjidieh which ranks first of all the honors in Turkey. This order was established by Abdul Medjid in 1851 and is both civil and military in character. Its emblem is a silver star of seven clustered rays with a crescent and star between each two clusters; the sultan's name in Turkish, on a gold cluster, surrounded by a wreath of fillet on which is engraved words which mean "Zeal, Devotion, Loyalty."

On his part the kaiser conferred upon the sultan the order of Hohenzollern. This was created in 1841 by Frederick of Hohenzollern-Hechingen and Charles of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen. Its emblem is a white cross edged with black upon a silver star of many rays with a black eagle in the center, surrounded by a circle. The motto which it bears reads: "Vom Fels zur Meer." Both of the emblems were highly ornate and richly set with diamonds.

**TO USE CREDITS BILL TO OUST MICHAELIS**  
Socialists In Reichstag Have Plan To Beat Chancellor

AMSTERDAM, October 17—(Associated Press)—Germany will have a hard task ahead in raising the new ten billion marks war credit loan if the attitude of the Socialists toward Chancellor Michaelis is any criterion.

According to a prominent German Socialist newspaper, the Socialist members of the reichstag at a recent caucus decided unanimously to vote against the credits bill which will be introduced in the chamber in December unless Michaelis resigns from the chancellorship.

**KAUAI RED CROSS WORKERS INDUSTRIOUS**  
Kauai Red Cross workers have shipped four cases of hospital dressings and knitted articles to Honolulu, where they will be trans-shipped to New York by Theo. H. Davies & Co. They are carried free of charge to San Francisco by the Matson Navigation Company.

The cases represent the work of units from Koloa to Hanalei. Much of the knitted work was contributed by the Japanese units. There were 26,587 articles in the four cases, most of which were gauze wipes, compresses, and rolls.

The increase in the number of workers has made it advisable to keep the Kauai headquarters in the Army camp one more morning in each week. They are now working three mornings and one afternoon.

**AMERICAN WOUNDED IS REPORT OF PERSHING**  
WASHINGTON, October 18—(Associated Press)—Lieutenant Graham, Medical Corps of the American Army, has been wounded in action and is in a British base hospital suffering from gunshot wounds, according to a report from General Pershing yesterday. Lieutenant Graham has been attached to the British medical forces and it is assumed here that he has been at the front with the British.

**LOOKS FOR GASOLINE WITH LANTERN: BLAZE**  
A blazing automobile called the fire department to the corner of King and Punahou Streets about half-past nine o'clock last night.

# WAILUKU TO HAVE NEW POSTOFFICE

Government Gives Specifications of Requirements In Building To Be Leased

Further details of what Wailuku requires and is to have for a new post office is contained in an article which appeared in the last issue of the Maui News which says:

Frank J. Hare, postoffice inspector came to Maui Saturday morning to look into several matters connected with his department, the most important, perhaps, being that of a new postoffice building at Wailuku. He returned to Honolulu Monday night.

The inspector found that the post office accommodations at the county seat were not satisfactory, the building being old, not properly arranged and too small; and decided that steps for a new building should be taken at once. Before leaving he drafted a notice to the public, the following being the most important points in it:

"The undersigned will receive proposals up to and including October 20, 1917, for the furnishing of suitable quarters for postoffice purposes at Wailuku, Hawaii, under a lease for five or ten years from February 1, 1918, in accordance with the attached blank which, as will be noted, calls for the furnishing of rent, heat, light, water, closets, accessories, safe or vault, and all necessary furniture and equipment for the proper conduct of said office at a stated price per annum.

"There will be needed in this instance: "Not less than 875 square feet of floor space; "Good day light. Location not far from business center and within 80 rods of railroad depots are points for general consideration." Etc., etc.

While here Mr. Hare looked over several sites that might become available, the owners of which may tender for the building. One of these is the lot on which the office of John Brown Jr., is located, next to the present postoffice building. It belongs to the Robinson estate, C. Lindley being trustee. It is small, but has the advantage of being satisfactorily central.

Another lot is the one near the Orpheum theater, across from the Episcopal Church. A part of this property is owned by the Maui Drygoods & Grocery Co., and the remainder by the Maui Bank, Ltd. It is possibly equally central, according to the viewpoint, is slightly nearer the railroad station and has the advantage of being larger than the Brown office site.

Everything else being about equal, as we understand it the choice will hinge upon the size and character of the building offered. Uncle Sam wants a good-looking and creditable building and is willing to pay reasonable rent for it.

It will be noted that the time is short, tenders being required by October 20, and the building being called for at the first of February. Of course it is understood that an extension is possible on the time allowed for the completion of the structure.

**SUGAR PLANT WORK SHOWING INCREASES**  
Christian J. Hedemann Leaves In Company's Interests

On a business trip to New York and Cuba in the interests of the Honolulu Iron Works, Christian J. Hedemann, left Honolulu yesterday, expecting to be absent for perhaps six months. A few months since he returned from a similar trip.

# BIG GUN FIRE PAVES WAY TO MORE DRIVES IN FLANDERS

Reconnoitering By Allies and Heavy Artillery Duels Are Reported With No Indication of Start of Offensive

**ATTEMPT TO CROSS DVINA IS CHECKED BY RUSSIANS**  
Teutons Hold Island of Oesel and Claim Successes In Minor Engagements Between Sea Crafts Near Riga Gulf

NEW YORK, October 18—(Associated Press)—Thousands upon thousands of tons of metal were thrown into the Teuton trenches in Flanders yesterday and thousands of tons were hurled from the Hun guns at the positions of the Allies. It was a day of duels of the big guns with little activity besides outside of reconnoitering movements on the part of the Allies indicative of a continuation of plans to hurl another heavy offensive upon the enemy positions as soon as the way has been cleared for a further push upon the objectives that are now almost in reach.

**HUNS HOLD OESSEL**  
In the north it is admitted that the Teutons have full control of the Island of Oesel. There have been sea engagements of minor importance in the adjacent waters which Berlin claims were to the advantage of Germany and which certainly have not checked the landing of forces on the island and adjacent to the Esthonia mainland.

On the banks of the Dvina there was fought a battle which drove back the Hun forces that were attempting to make a crossing. That attempt was easily frustrated by the Slav forces.

Petrograd reported that a fleet of German aircraft had been seen over Moon Island, among which were a large number of Zeppelins and admitted officially that the whereabouts of the Russian troops that had been on Oesel Island before the landing of Teuton forces was unknown now to the war department. Further Petrograd reports said that a German cruiser struck a mine near Oesel on Friday but was kept afloat and steamed away to the southward.

**ARTILLERY FIRE HEAVY**  
On the Austrian-Italian front the expected engagement has not yet broken and the severity of the artillery fire was the feature of the activities of that war theater.

On the Meuse there is reported to have been fighting during the day with the results indecisive.

Nancy, the cathedral town in the Meurthe-et-Moselle department of France, was subjected to a fierce bombardment by Hun airmen, and as a result ten persons were killed and forty wounded.

During the combined air attacks by the French and British aviators on Monday and Tuesday twenty-five Hun planes were shot down and their crews killed.

**GERMANY WILL TAKE CENSUS OF ANIMALS**  
AMSTERDAM, October 18—(Associated Press)—A census of all animals whose flesh can be used as food, is to be taken shortly throughout the German Empire. Horses, goats, pigeons and rabbits are included in the list.

**HIGH SILVER PRICE OPENS OLD MINES**  
SILVER CITY, N. M., October 18—(Associated Press)—The high price of silver has caused a number of the old silver workings in Southern New Mexico to be resumed as marginal producers. The Kingston, Lake Valley and Hillsboro mines have been reopened and have been operating at a profit because of the high silver price.